

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 remain in the application and claims 1 and 18 have been amended hereby. Claims 46-51 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-28 and 46-51 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Hendricks et al.

Features of the apparatus according to the present invention are a decision unit or controller for checking whether the sent data is data corresponding to a new content and storing the sent data in a memory based on the results of the checking. See steps S9-10 in Fig. 5 of the present application, for example.

Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to recite these features of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that Hendricks et al. fails to show or suggest a decision unit for checking whether the sent data is data corresponding to a new content and storing the sent data in a memory based on the results of the checking. Hendricks et al. is merely providing a user with short video clips on a split screen to choose from after "grazing" through the video clips. See col. 20, lines 30-39 of Hendricks et al.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended

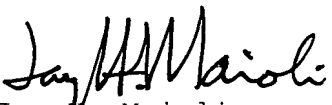
independent claims 1 and 18, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Hendricks et al.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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